

## House Resolution No. 3987

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of former colleagues who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, James L. "Jim" Russell of Jefferson City, Missouri, attained considerable distinction as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives who served in public office from 1974 to 1982 in order to represent the people and institutions of Andrew, Atchison, Holt, and Nodaway counties through work as chairman of the Commerce Committee and as a member of the Agriculture, Atomic Energy, and Industrial Development Committee, State Parks and Natural Resources Committee, Statutory Committee on Atomic Energy, and Missouri Tourism Commission; and

**Whereas**, a graduate of Savannah High School and the University of Missouri-Columbia, Jim Russell was born on September 13, 1938, and is now observing his Seventieth Birthday; and

**Whereas**, Jim Russell developed and maintained an excellent reputation by owning and operating a 1,200 acre farm and livestock operation in northwest Missouri for more than two decades and owning and operating R&T Implement Company in northwest Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Jim Russell currently operates the Jim Russell Governmental Relations consulting firm, which counts among its clients the Missouri Agribusiness Association, Verizon, the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, the Coalition of Natural Health, Lutheran Senior Services, and Dogwood Energy; and

**Whereas**, Jim Russell has proven invaluable to the work of the Missouri State Fair Foundation, Governor's Task Force on Agriculture, University of Missouri College of Agriculture Foundation, University of Missouri Meat Science Building Addition Committee, Agricultural Leadership of Tomorrow Advisory Council, University of Missouri Jefferson Club, Missouri 4-H Foundation Board, Grace Episcopal Church and its Stewardship Committee, and the Masonic Lodge; and

**Whereas**, Jim Russell has further distinguished himself in life for his rare talents as a spoon balancer and a smoker of ribs; and

**Whereas**, Jim Russell is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Missouri Supreme Court Judge Mary Russell; the loving father of Kim Stanley, Jamie Russell, and Matt Russell; and the wonderful grandfather of six children:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in life by Jim Russell and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he celebrates his Seventieth Birthday; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Jim Russell of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tom Todd  
District No. 163

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3987, adopted August 28, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker